

of the club, for the time being, at least.

Jack Ness' two singles and triple, which accounted for the majority of the Sox runs yesterday against Washington, were the features the fans seized on for applause, but the manner in which the Dutchman pulled in a couple of wild throws at first base was equally worthy of commendation. He has plugged the defensive hold in the infield and makes the combination better in every way.

Jack is a stolid, phlegmatic person, and being in the big leagues is all the same to him as playing with Butler Brothers on the sand lots. He is out to get away with a game of ball each afternoon and doesn't mind critical periods.

Joe Jackson soaked three doublers in four efforts, having a part in every Sox scoring inning. The entire club is playing better ball at the present time, and the uprising should be sustained.

As usual, when the Cubs visit New York, rumors are flying from the eastern city, but no one is safe in venturing a prediction on what will really happen. A special meeting of the National league is said to be on for this week, but so far President Weeghman of the Cubs has not gone east.

The chief dream is of a four-cornered trade between Cards, Gienats, Reds and Cubs. Several players have been named as factors in a gigantic swap, but none of the rumors have lated any fellows of note to depart from the New York club. The Giants, already one of the most powerful organizations in the circuit, are to be bolstered at the expense of the western clans, say some of these reports.

To balance the league, matters should be reversed, for on the season's showing the east outclasses the west, and three eastern clubs, at least, bid fair to hold first division places through the campaign. Weeghman and Tinker are willing

to make a trade, but they are not ready to help some one at their own expense. The rumor that Zimmerman will go to New York should be spiked right here, for Heinie is playing the best ball of his career and is a wholesome factor in the showing of the club.

Detroit is meeting the advance of the White Sox. Jennings has been getting some good pitching in recent games, and the other athletes have been ably holding up their end. Jennings has the greatest run-making machine in the American league and only needed average pitching to get his club up in the race. Cunningham, Dauss, Dubuc and Coveleskie are all effective now and can be worked in order. New York fell before Coveleskie, getting only five hits. Veach poled three for Detroit.

Morton fanned 13 Mackmen and Cleveland won easily. In the sixth inning Morton fanned four men, but one reached first because the third strike was a wild pitch. Myers, Mack's young star, was soft for the Indians. Smith, Gandil and O'Neil hit hard.

Freddie Welsh has been matched to fight Ad Wiegast 15 rounds in Denver, July 4, the champion to get \$8,000, win, lose or draw. Thus goes glimmering the roseate dream of a battle between Welsh and Charlie White in South America Independence day for the lightweight championship. Welsh now has an easy mill carded for the date and can pick up a small fortune with slight exertion.

The last of three stories on the career of Ever Hammer, newest sensation in fistic world.

Months of roughing it in Yellowstone Park as assistant cook in a tourist hotel helped fit Ever Hammer, former grocery boy, in quest of the lightweight championship, for the rough work of the prize ring.

Upon returning to Chicago, the "Bristling Blond" pitched in with a vim, daily working out in Kid How-